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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1818

AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN IMMEDIATE

INFO ALL CONSULATES IN CANADA

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PASS NTSB-HENDRICKS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, CA

SUBJ: CIVAIR: CUBANA DC-8 CRASH OFF BARBADOS

REF: OTTAWA 4606, AND PREVIOUS

1. NYHUUS (SUPERINTENDENT, AVIATION SAFETY INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS, MOT) CALLED TCO AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 3 TO ADVISE THAT GOC (MOT AND EXTAF) HAD DECIDED RECALL CANADIAN EXPERTS (HOWES AND ONE OTHER) FROM INVESTIGATION EFFECTIVE TODAY. THEY WILL DEPART FOR CANADA DECEMBER 4.

3. NYHUUS STATED THAT CANADIAN OFFICIALS WERE BEING PULLED OUT BECAUSE INQUIRY WAS BECOMING TOO POLITICAL AND WAS NOT ASSUMING THE ROLE OF A TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION. BARBADOS JUSTICE IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION HAS AGREED TO WITHDRAWAL, SUBJECT TO UNDERSTANDING THAT CANADIAN OFFICIALS WOULD PREPARE A TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE. NYHUUS--ON THE BASIS OF HIS PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH HOWES--IS VERY PESSIMISTIC THAT ADEQUATE DATA EXISTS FOR ANY MEANINGFUL TECHNICAL REPORT. HE STATED
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THAT IT APPEARS THAT TOO MUCH HEARSAY EVIDENCE HAS

BEEN PRESENTED AND VERY LITTLE HARD DATA. HE APPEARED ESPECIALLY BITTER THAT NO ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO RAISE THE PLANE OR EVEN TO RECOVER THE VOICE RECORDER. FINALLY, HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS MAY BE THE LAST TIME CANADA WILL AGREE TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SIMILAR TO THOSE SURROUNDING THIS CRASH.

3. COMMENT: NYHUUS AND TCO HAVE AGREED TO KEEP IN CONTACT AFTER HOWES' RETURN AND PERHAPS TCO WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HOWES. IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS DEPARTMENT OR NTSB WOULD LIKE PRESENTED TO HOWES IN AN ATMOSPHERE OUTSIDE OF BARBADOS, EMBASSY SHOULD BE ADVISED PROMPTLY.

4. THE LATEST MESSAGE WE HAVE RECEIVED WHICH REFERS TO NEWTON'S TESTIMONY IS BRIDGETOWN 2304. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES DEALING WITH HIS EXPERT KNOWLEDGE?
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